

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.

April 19, 2006

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on

Wednesday, April 19, 2006 Vice-Chairman Robert Lohr called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present were Jamie Hainsworth, Lynda Martone. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson, Chief Robert Dauphinais, Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis and Clerical Assistant/District Clerk Darlene Shields.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the March 15, 2006 meeting for their review. Mr. Hainsworth made note that the under new business the Police Dispatch Training should read as Fire Dispatch Training and run by Smithfield Fire. Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept minutes with noted changes, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3–0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Ms. Svansson's received check from Mr. McCormick for the month of March in the amount of \$160.34. She is also in the process of sending out second notice for outstanding tax bills. The Foster/Glocester Public Schools District did pay for the outstanding

fire tax of \$50.40 on the property they purchased from Mr. Peckham.

Ms. Svansson made mention that she has made up most of her time for the week she will be on vacation.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Tax Collector report as presented, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere passed out copies of the March's Treasurer's Report. Mr. Steere indicated all accounts are in good standing. On the last page of the report Mr. Steere has indicated that the money budgeted for the Truck Investment has been moved to one of the dedicated accounts.

Current Balance in PIP Account is a little over \$400,000.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept report as submitted and pay the monthly bills, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais read his report for the month of March and submitted written reports to place on file. Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept report as presented, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

Old Business:

A. Back Building: Progress on the back building.

Chief Dauphinais has received 2 quotes for painting the back building

1. Gerald Breault - \$2400.00 for 2 coats of stain and power washing
2. Craig Miranda - \$2800.00 for 2 coats of stain and power washing

Board would like a third quote for painting of the back garage before awarding the bid.

Chief Dauphinais has concerns about using Gerald Breault Painting again. Gerald Breault Painting had painted the main fire station last year and it is already peeling in some sections.

B. Leased Land-

Attorney Craven's office has all requested information and waiting to hear from Valentine Realty.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to table until next monthly meeting, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

New Business:

A. Department Credit Cards-

Ms. Shields advised the board that both she and Chief Dauphinais have received their Citizen's Bank credit cards.

C. Motion by Mr. Hainsworth to amend section 5.1.2 Duties of District Officers in the By-Laws for the Chepachet Fire District. Attorney Mr. Craven submitted a written amendment to the Duties section of the District Officers. The change would read as follows:

All ambulance and emergency services rendered to any member of the district or in accordance to a mutual aid call will be billed to any responsible third party or directly to the individuals in the event that no responsible third party insurance carrier is available.

The Committee shall also have the authority to abate any bills owed to the district based on the committee's determination of an out of district service where the recipient of the service demonstrates an inability to pay accordance to 5.1.2 of the by-laws., second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

C. Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to amend section 5.7.2 Chief Qualifications of the By-Laws

for the Chepachet Fire District. An additional requirement to Chief's Qualifications which will be number 7 under Qualifications will state the Fire Chief must complete Fire Alarm Certification within 1 year or enroll in the next class., second by Mrs. Martone

D. Mrs. Shields presented the board with a list of all board and department member's positions and the terms of the positions. Tax

Assessor James Chase position's is up this year and he declined anther term. Board Members Mr. Hainsworh and Mr. Leonhardt positions are also up this year and we await their decision on running for another term.

E. Ms. Shields presented the board a copy of the Charter in its' entirety as to stands today with State of Rhode Island with all the amendments made from the incision of the Charter in 1912.

There are two changes as of now that need to be addressed 1. Change the Annual Meeting from the second Saturday in July to the Second Saturday in June. 2. Change the following positions from elected to appointed positions: Tax Collector, Treasurer and District Clerk.

The Board will review the Charter over the next month and discuss any possible changes they would like to consider. Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to table any discussion on changes to the Charter until next month, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

F. Proposed Budget for2006/2007

Chief Dauphinais and Mrs. Shields presented the Board with a Proposed Budget for 2006/2007

After review the accounts to date they have made some adjusted to a few accounts. All board members received a copy of the proposed budget and will review and discuss and next months meeting.

With no further business the Board Convened to Executive Session at 7:30pm per RI General Laws

42-46-5 A-1 to discuss the job performances of following: Tax Collector, Treasurer, District Clerk and Department Secretary. Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is May 17, 2006 at 6:30 PM.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darlene L. Shields
District Clerk
Chepachet Fire District**